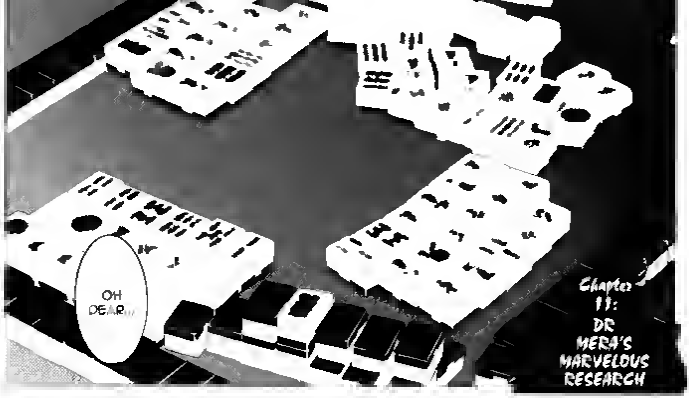
OH DEAR...
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WHAT SHOULD I DO. I WONDER

I DON'T HAVE QUITE ENOUGH MONEY
I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD BE LOSING THIS MUCH

YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, MISTER.

YOU KNOW...
YOU CAN ALWAYS PAY WITH YOUR BODY

TRANSLATED BY SONICKRAZY
CLEANED BY GRUMP BIGGUMS
TYPESET BY TAMBUR
WH... WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!!?
NO-!!
EEEE... STOP!
WHY I'M HAVING YOU PAY ME WITH YOUR BODY OF COURSE
AAHH!
AH!
NYEE-HEE-HEE..
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WASHIZU
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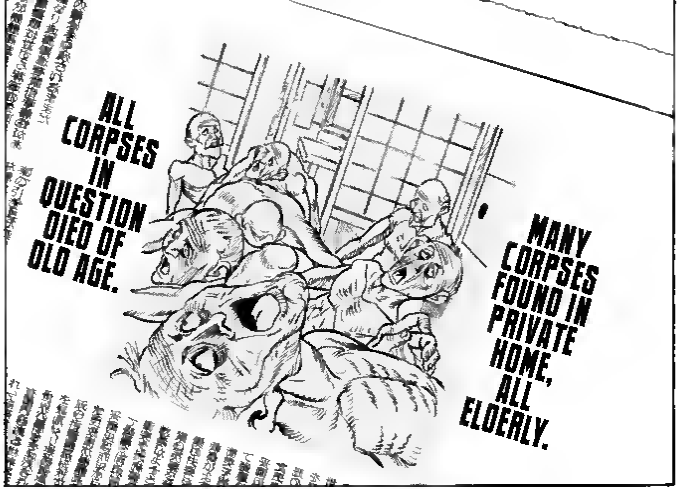
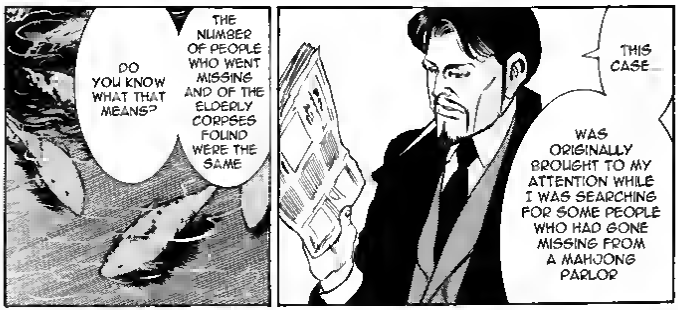
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, WASHIZU-SENPAI.
MY APOLOGIES FOR ASKING SO MUCH OF YOU.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ARTICLE IN THE NEWS-PAPER?


ALL CORPSES IN QUESTION DIED OF OLD AGE.
MANY CORPSES FOUND IN PRIVATE HOME, ALL ELDERLY.


DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WENT MISSING AND OF THE ELDERLY CORPSES FOUND WERE THE SAME
THIS CASE...
WAS ORIGINALLY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION WHILE I WAS SEARCHING FOR SOME PEOPLE WHO HAD GONE MISSING FROM A MAHJONG PARLOR

WERE "AGED" BY FORCE!
THE MISSING PEOPLE

THIS IS THE MAN WHO WAS RENTING THAT HOUSE
HIS NAME IS MERA KANAME HE USED TO BE MY UNIT'S SECOND LIEUTENANT
THIS UNIT OF YOURS...

WHAT HAPPENED IN IT...
DURING THE WAR?
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YAAAAA
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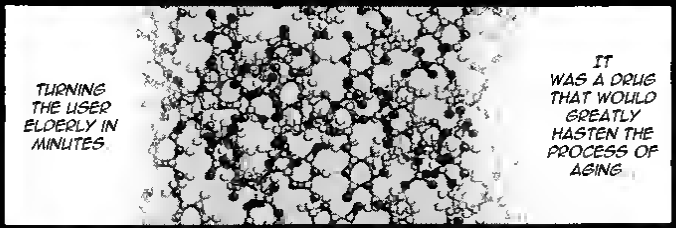
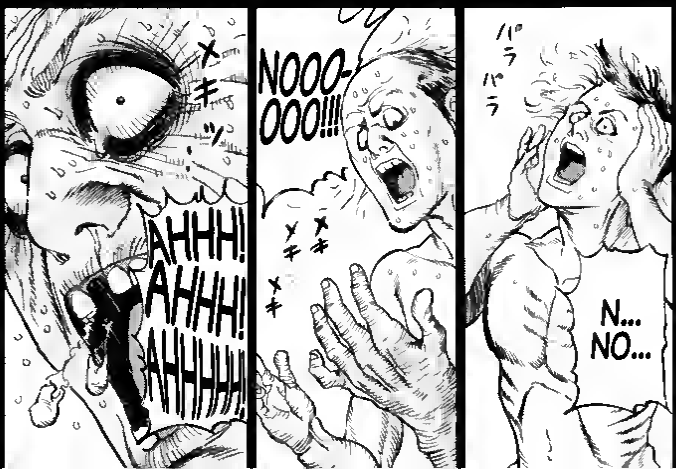
UUGHH
HHH!!!
EEEEE!

OUR UNIT'S GOAL WAS TO REPEAT NUMEROUS HUMAN EXPERIMENTS TO FIND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS TO TURN THE TIDE OF WAR OVER TO OUR SIDE.
AND JUST AS THE WAR WAS REACHING ITS CONCLUSION MERA'S SQUAD DISCOVERED A CERTAIN DRUG


IT WAS A DRUG THAT WOULD GREATLY HASTEN THE PROCESS OF AGING
TURNING THE USER ELDERLY IN MINUTES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AHHH! AHHH! AHHHH!
NOOO-OOO!!!
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N... NO...

AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE, SECOND LIEUTENANT MERA?
A BY-PROD-UCT?
SIR
I HAVE MANU-FACTURED A TRULY INCREDIBLE BYPRODUCT OF THE DRUG WE DISCOV-ERED
WAHHH WAHHH
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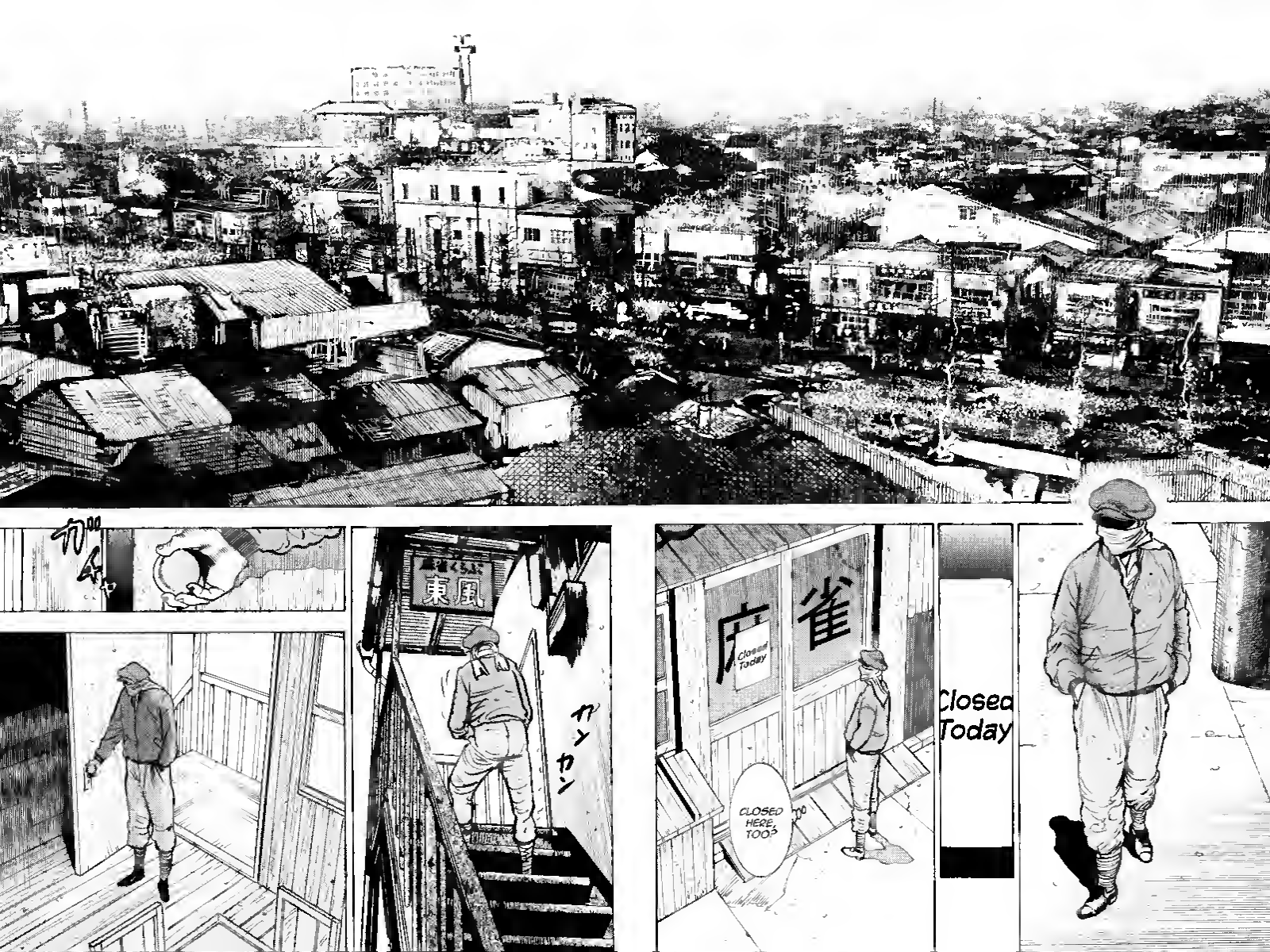
NYEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!
WITH NO AGING, THERE CAN BE NO DEATH!!!

HE CONTINUES TO DO HUMAN EXPERIMENTS TO THIS DAY.
ONCE WE MADE IT TO JAPAN, HE DISAPPEARED ALONGSIDE THE AGING DRUG.
HE MAY HAVE ALREADY GONE CRAZY BY THEN.

Keh.
SO HIS WAR STILL RAGES ON, HMM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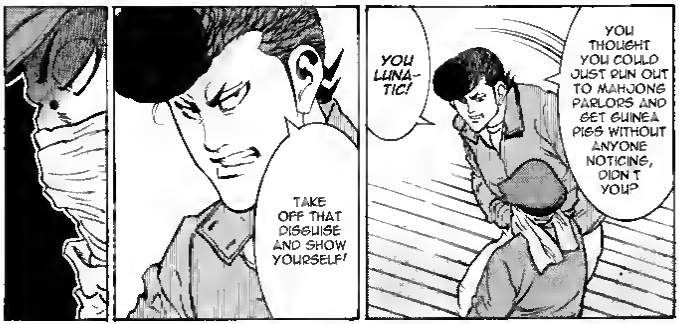
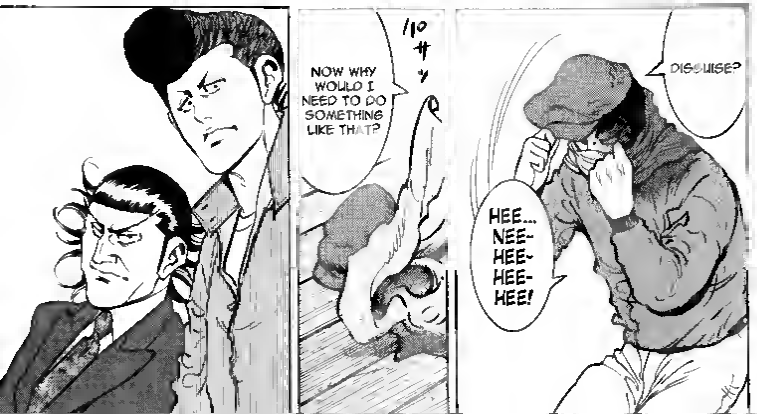
Closed Today
CLOSED HERE, TOO?
Closed Today

MERA
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...

WAS ALL OF THE MAHJONG PARLORS BEING CLOSED TODAY...
YOUR DOING AS WELL?
IN ANY CASE, IT SEEMS I'VE BEEN TRAPPED...


YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD JUST RUN OUT TO MAHJONG PARLORS AND GET GUINEA PIGS WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU LUNA-TIC!
TAKE OFF THAT DISGUISE AND SHOW YOURSELF!

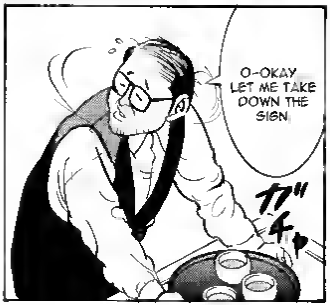

DISGUISE?
HEE... NEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!
NOW WHY WOULD I NEED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

HE'S WAY TOO YOUNG!!
HE LOOKS LIKE THE GUY IN THE PICTURE BUT...
WE... WE GOT THE WRONG GUY...
MUST'VE BEEN SNIFFED OUT BY SOME COP WITH GOOD SENSES
EE-HEE-HEE... BUT WITH THIS FACE, THERE'S NO WAY TO PROVE A THING.
SIR, I HAVE MANUFACTURED A TRULY INCREDIBLE BYPRODUCT OF THE DRUG WE DISCOVERED
WITH NO AGING, THERE CAN BE NO DEATH!

SO YOU TALKED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, THEN.
MY
RATHER QUICK ON THE UPTAKE, I SEE
YOU MANIAC... DID YOU REALLY
REVERSE YOUR OWN AGING?
IT'S TRUE!
I DEVELOPED A DRUG TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AGING FROM THE DRUG USED TO EXPEDITE IT! YES!
I HAVE CREATED THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!!!

THE AGE-REVERSAL DRUG WAS CREATED FROM THE AGE-ACCELERATING DRUG.
ONCE THE DENSITY OF THE AGE-ACCELERATING DRUG EXCEEDS A CERTAIN CRITICAL MASS, A PHENOMENON OCCURS WHERE THE CELLS' NATURAL AGING PROCESS IS REVERSED
MAKING THE USER YOUNGER!!
YOU... YOU'RE KIDDING
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I'VE YET TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT CRITICAL MASS AGAIN
ALL THAT REMAINS OF THAT ACCIDENTAL MIRACLE DRUG
IS CONTAINED IN THIS SINGLE AMPULE
AREN'T YOU INTERESTED?
WHY DON'T WE WAGER THIS IN A MATCH?!!!

An age-reversal drug, hmm...
I AM INTERESTED!!!


O-OKAY LET ME TAKE DOWN THE SIGN.
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WE'VE GOT THIS RESERVED. CAN'T LET ANY OTHER CUSTOMERS WALTZ IN ON THIS
YOU'RE PLAYING, OWNER.

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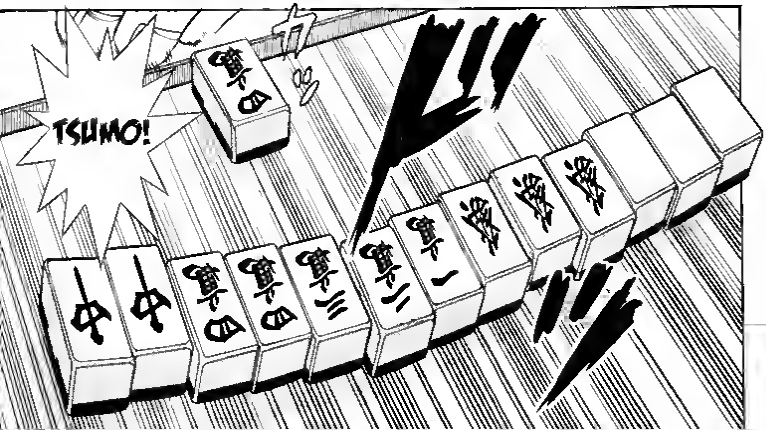
MY WORSE OUT... AH, WELL.


TSUMO!

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I DOUBT THERE'S ANYONE WHO CAN BEAT YOU AT MAHJONG, MERA
THE ONLY ONE I CAN THINK OF WOULD BE THAT GENTLEMAN WITH THE GODLIKE LUCK
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WHO MIGHT THAT BE?
GODLIKE LUCK...
WASHIZU IWAO...
WITH HIS LUCK, MAYBE...
MMGH...
THIS MAN IS WASHIZU!!
I SEE

WHOA-!!
IT'S JUST...
MY EYES GOT BLURRY ALL OF A SUDDEN
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WASHIZU-SAMA! Y... YOUR HAIR!!!
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YOUR HAIR...
IS TURNING GREY!!

NYEEEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!!
YOUR GODLIKE LUCK RAN OUT!
WHEN YOU TOOK A SIP OF THAT TEA, THAT IS!
INSIDE IT WAS...
THE AGING DRUG!!
I POURED IT IN YOUR TEA WHEN YOU WEREN'T LOOKING!!
W... WHAA-AAT?!

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HRGH!
RRGH!
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GHH!!
OOO-
UUU-
GGH-
HHH!!
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WA-
SHIZU
SAMA-
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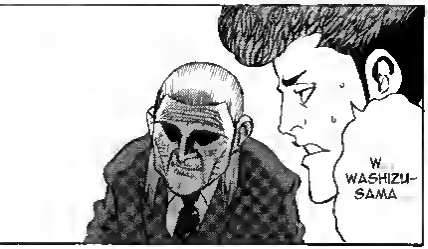
AAAA-

WHY, IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN JUST TAKE THE AGE-REVERSAL DRUG!
DO THAT, AND YOU'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL IN NO TIME.
HOW-EVER...
BY MY CAL-CULATIONS, IN 30 MINUTES' TIME...
YOU'LL HAVE AGED RIGHT INTO A CORPSE!
YOU... YOU SON OF A-!!
Stop it, Hayabusa
We're wasting time.
Let's go.

HURRY! IF I DON'T HURRY, WASHIZU-SAMA'S GONNA !!
4-SOU AIMING FOR SAN SHOKU.
HUH-?!
ALL YOUR THOUGHTS ARE AN OPEN BOOK TO ME
HEE-HEE-HEE... I CAN READ YOUR MIND.
RON.

RON, IPPATSU!


W WASHIZU-SAMA

HE CAN'T REALLY READ MY MIND, CAN HE?!
WHAT THE HELL?! HE'S READING MY HAND PERFECTLY!!

I GOTTA USE MY SPEED!!
PON!
CHIII!
I KNOW THE STRUCTURE OF THE HUMAN BODY BETTER THAN ANYONE
I'VE CUT APART MULTITUDES OF WAR PRISONERS
THAT OF FEELING YOUR TILES AS YOU DRAW THEM TELLS ME EXACTLY WHAT TILE YOU JUST DREW
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THE MINUTE MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLES' SKIN AND THE MUSCLES BENEATH IT... YES, THE MOVEMENT UNIQUE TO MAHJONG
RON.

YOU LOST THE MOMENT YOU TOUCHED THAT TEA
IT WOULD APPEAR NOT EVEN GODLY LUCK CAN BEAT THE SANDS OF TIME
EE-HEE-HEE.
Last Round
This
Th...
THIS HAS BEEN A MOST REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE...
MERA!!

DID YOU THINK YOU GOT ME TO INGEST THE AGING DRUG BY ACCIDENT?
YOU FOOL!!
I drank it DELIBER-ATELY!!
W... WHAT-?!
AS LONG AS I CAN READ YOUR MIND, YOU'LL NEVER GET THE AMPULE!!
Y... YOU'RE BLUFF-ING!
HMM IT WAS WORTH TRYING THIS OUT ONE TIME.
SO THIS IS AGE...
IS THIS.
ALL IT TAKES TO BEAT YOUR MIND-READING...

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I CAN'T SEE HIS HAND'S MUSCLES LIKE THIS!
A GLOVE!!
DON'T BOTHER APOLOGIZING NOW
I WAS ABLE TO LEARN THAT MY STRENGTH WON'T FADE WHEN I GET OLD, THANKS TO YOU!

YES...
YOUR STRENGTH...?
NO MATTER HOW OLD I GET, I'LL STILL BE JUST AS LUCKY!!!
RIICHI!!!
ガシッ
WA-SHIZU-SAMA!

HOW'S THE FEAR OF A RIICHI TASTE AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
I'VE GOT TO FOLD HERE, BUT I CAN'T MATCH ANY OF HIS DISCARDS... I CAN SEE THE 1-SOU, SO KOKUSHI'S OUT! WHICH MEANS...
SHOULD GO THROUGH!!
THIS...

RON!!
R... RYUU II SOUUU-UUU!!!
ガ"ク
W... WE WON-!!
KHEH-HEH...
WASHIZU-SAMA, QUICK! THE AMPULE!!

AHHH... A... ARE YOU...
ARE YOU GONNA TURN ME INTO THE POLICE...?!
MERA COME WORK FOR ME.
I'LL ALLOW YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR RESEARCH.
W... WASHIZU-SAMA...!!
LUNACY AND GENIUS HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.
WHA... MY RE-SEARCH?!

STAB
SHUU-UURK
AU-?!
It's the aging drug.
You can see what it feels like for yourself.
SO YOU WERE AN ALLIED SPY!!
Washizu.
I can't let you reap the benefits of this experience.
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THE AGE ACCEL-ERA-TION!!
THE CELL-AGING PHE-NOME-NON...
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EEE-EEE-EEE-EE!!!
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AH... AUGH!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS...
MERA!
GEEEEE-AAAUUU-UUGGGH-HHHHH!!!!!
AHH!!
AH...
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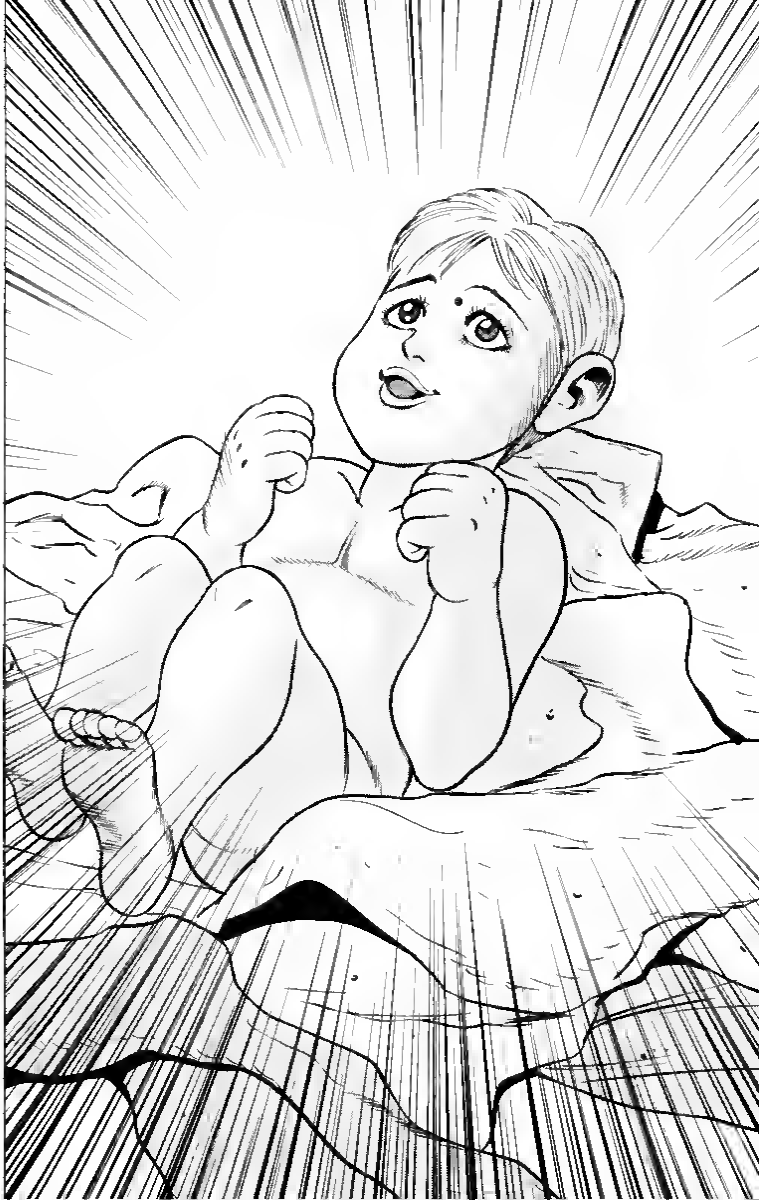
WA-SHIZU-SAMA... THIS IS-!!



WHEN THE AGING DRUG EXCEEDS A CERTAIN CRITICAL MASS THE AGING PROCESS IS REVERSED I SEE
WHO WOULD'VE IMAGINED IT WOULD HAPPEN RIGHT HERE AND NOW, THOUGH
STILL, IT SEEMS
YOU GOT A BIT TOO YOUNG

I SEE... WELL, THAT'S OKAY
DON'T REPORT THIS TO GENERAL MACARTHUR YET

ONCE THE POLICE ARREST MERA, OUR UNIT'S EXISTENCE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC
HIS RESEARCH DATA WILL BE EXCHANGED TO GENERAL HEADQUARTERS AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS RESEARCHED ON WAR CRIMINALS WILL BE MADE CLEAR
WE HAVE TO AVOID THAT AT ALL COSTS

LET [UNIT 731] DISAPPEAR INTO THE DARKNESS OF HISTORY.
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